

REMARKS

Claims

By the instant Amendment, claims 1 to 10 and 16 have been cancelled, and claims 11, 12, 13, and 15 have been amended. Claims 11 to 15 and 17 to 28 are in the case.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

It was the Examiner's opinion that claims 1 to 3 and 5 to 10 are anticipated by Goble *et al.* (2002/0065557; U.S. Patent No. 6,579,319).

In an effort to expedite prosecution, claims 1 to 3 and 5 to 10 have been cancelled, thereby rendering the rejection moot.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

It was the Examiner's opinion that claims 4 and 16 were unpatentable over Goble *et al.*

In an effort to expedite prosecution, claims 4 and 16 have been cancelled, thereby rendering the rejection moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 19 to 28, and for indicating the allowability of claims 11 to 15, 17 and 18 if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have amended claim 11 by incorporating therein subject matter from claim 1. The dependencies of claims 12 and 13 have been amended accordingly. Applicants have also taken the opportunity to effect minor grammatical revisions in claims 12, 13 and 15. It is believed that these claims are now in condition for allowance.

The above claim cancellations are being made to advance prosecution of this application and should not be viewed as an acquiescence to the Examiner's position. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute such claims in a related application.

It is submitted that the instant application is in condition for allowance and Applicants respectfully request early action in this regard. Please charge any fee that may be required, for which no cheque is enclosed, to Deposit Account No. 17-0110.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss this Amendment, a telephone call to the undersigned agent at 613-533-6000 ext. 77483 would be welcomed.

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